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INSECTICIDAL 3-(2,6-DISUBSTITUTED PHENYL)-5-[5-ARYLTHIEN-2-YL]-1,2,4-

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Sir:

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STATE OF INDIANA) SS: COUNTY OF MARION

I, James E. Dripps, residing at 14032 Sedona Court, Carmel, County of Hamilton, State of Indiana, United States of America, being duly sworn, depose and say:

THAT I received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Entomology from the Pennsylvania State University in 1985;

THAT I am the author or co-author of five publications in referred journals;

THAT I have been employed by Dow AgroSciences LLC or its predecessor companies since 1985;

THAT my present position is that of Technical Leader for Project Biology in Insect Management Discovery Research;

THAT in my current position I am involved in evaluating synthetic materials and compositions for insecticidal and acaricidal activity;

THAT I had carried out under my direction, under carefully controlled conditions, a series of beet armyworm bioassays of the following compounds;

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THAT the procedure and the results obtained were as follows:

Insecticidal test for beet armyworm (Spodoptera exigua):

To prepare spray solutions, 4 mg of each test compound was dissolved into 10 mL of a 2:1 acetone:distilled water to produce a 400 ppm solution.

Test units are prepared and consist of 4 cm – top diameter (1 oz.) tapered plastic cups, each containing @ 7.5 g. of prepared insect diet (Southland Products, Stoneville, Ms.). Each treatment consists of 5 units.

The test solutions are pipetted onto the diet surface. Target delivery volume is 0.25 ml per cup. The diet surface is allowed to dry thoroughly before each cup is infested with a single 2nd instar beet armyworm.

After infestation, test units are capped and stored for three days at 25° C (77° F) and 50 % R. H. prior to assessment for mortality and morbidity. Results are given in Table 1 as percent control at 400 ppm based on the number of live larvae in each treatment.

Table 1. Percent control data in beet armyworm for represented compounds.

Compound	% control
	of BAW @
	400 ppm
29	0
Α	100
В	100
C_	100
D	100

Further deponent sayeth not.

2/16/2005

James E. Dripps

Date

Sworn to and subscribed to me this 16th day of February, 2005

Melanie S. Bradley, Notary Public State of Indiana, Marion County

My Commission Expires November 2, 2012